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In re application of:

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TOOTH MOVEMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, and in view of the Notice of Omitted Item in a Nonprovisional Application mailed on January 29, 2004, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including omitted drawing Fig. 15 is attached following page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet of Fig. 15 was omitted in a non-provisional application. Applicant submits Fig. 15, attached as Appendix A.

Attachment: Appendix A